

HAMBLEN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Bill Brittain
County Mayor



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Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As Mayor of Hamblen County, Tennessee, I lead a community that strives to foster the highest quality of life for its citizens through open and responsive government and the facilitation of economic vitality. Hamblen County depends on a growing industrial base to keep our economy moving forward.

Hamblen County is an economic hub for a six-county region. We continuously work to provide business and industry a place to do business. We are keenly aware that all incoming companies, their employees and their suppliers need access to a robust mobile broadband network and we look forward to what the AT&T/T-Mobile network could mean for our region.

Mobile broadband helps spur economic growth. Many studies have shown this to be the case. In fact, a recent study by Connected Tennessee concluded that Tennessee businesses with high-speed Internet recorded \$400,000 more in median annual revenue than businesses without broadband. Broadband brings economic growth with it, it's that simple. When my county is looking to grow and create jobs, we are confident that a great way to jumpstart this effort is to have access to advanced technologies like high-speed mobile broadband.

When this issue comes before the commission in the coming months, I urge you to support the proposed merger of T-Mobile and AT&T and help Hamblen County create jobs.

Sincerely,

Bill Brittain
Mayor of Hamblen County